

at the request or suggestion of, a candidate or any agent or authorized committee of such candidate. A communication is "made with the cooperation of, or in consultation with, or in concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, a candidate or any agent or authorized committee of such candidate" if it is a coordinated general public political communication under 11 CFR 100.23. See 11 CFR 109.1.

3. Section 100.23 is added to read as follows:

**§ 100.23 Coordinated General Public Political Communications.**

(a) *Scope.*

(1) This section applies to expenditures for general public political communications paid for by persons other than candidates, authorized committees, and party committees.

(2) Coordinated party expenditures made on behalf of a candidate pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 441a(d) are governed by 11 CFR 110.7.

(b) *Treatment of expenditures for general public political communications as expenditures and contributions.* Any expenditure for general public political communication that includes a clearly identified candidate and is coordinated with that candidate, an opposing candidate or a party committee supporting or opposing that candidate is both an expenditure under 11 CFR 100.8(a) and an in-kind contribution under 11 CFR 100.7(a)(1)(iii).

(c) *Coordination with candidates and party committees.* An expenditure for a general public political communication is considered to be coordinated with a candidate or party committee if the communication—

(1) Is paid for by any person other than the candidate, the candidate's authorized committee, or a party committee, and

(2) Is created, produced or distributed—

(i) At the request or suggestion of the candidate, the candidate's authorized committee, a party committee, or the agent of any of the foregoing;

(ii) After the candidate or the candidate's agent, or a party committee or its agent, has exercised control or decision-making authority over the content, timing, location, mode, intended audience, volume of distribution, or frequency of placement of that communication; or

(iii) After substantial discussion or negotiation between the creator, producer or distributor of the communication, or the person paying for the communication, and the candidate, the candidate's authorized committee, a party committee, or the

agent of such candidate or committee, regarding the content, timing, location, mode, intended audience, volume of distribution or frequency of placement of that communication, the result of which is collaboration or agreement. Substantial discussion or negotiation may be evidenced by one or more meetings, conversations or conferences regarding the value or importance of the communication for a particular election.

(d) *Exception.* A candidate's or political party's response to an inquiry regarding the candidate's or party's position on legislative or public policy issues does not alone make the communication coordinated.

(e) *Definitions.* For purposes of this section:

(1) *General public political communications* include those made through a broadcasting station (including a cable television operator), newspaper, magazine, outdoor advertising facility, mailing or any electronic medium, including the Internet or on a web site, with an intended audience of over one hundred people.

(2) *Clearly identified* has the same meaning as set forth in 11 CFR 100.17.

(3) *Agent* has the same meaning as set forth in 11 CFR 109.1(b)(5).

**PART 109—INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES (2 U.S.C. 431(17), 434(c))**

4. The authority citation for part 109 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 2 U.S.C. 431(17), 434(c), 438(a)(8), 441d.

5. Section 109.1 is amended by revising paragraphs (a), (b)(4) and (d)(1) to read as follows:

**§ 109.1 Definitions (2 U.S.C. 431(17)).**

(a) *Independent expenditure* means an expenditure by a person for a communication expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate that is not made with the cooperation of, or in consultation with, or in concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, a candidate or any agent or authorized committee of such candidate.

(b) \* \* \*

(4) A communication is "made with the cooperation of, or in consultation with, or in concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, a candidate or any agent or authorized committee of such candidate" if it is a coordinated general public political communication under 11 CFR 100.23.

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(d)(1) The financing of the dissemination, distribution, or

republication, in whole or in part, of any broadcast or any written, graphic, or other form of campaign materials prepared by the candidate, his campaign committees, or their authorized agents shall be considered a contribution for the purposes of contribution limitations and reporting responsibilities by the person making the expenditure but shall not be considered an expenditure by the candidate or his authorized committees unless the dissemination, distribution, or republication of campaign materials is a coordinated general public political communication under 11 CFR 100.23

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**PART 110—CONTRIBUTION AND EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS AND PROHIBITIONS**

6. The authority citation for part 110 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 2 U.S.C. 431(8), 431(9), 432(c)(2), 437d(a)(8), 438(a)(8), 441a, 441b, 441d, 441e, 441f, 441g and 441h.

7. Section 110.14 is amended by revising the introductory text to paragraphs (f)(2)(i) and (f)(2)(ii); paragraph (f)(3)(iii); the introductory text to paragraphs (i)(2)(i) and (i)(2)(ii); and paragraph (i)(3)(iii) to read as follows:

**§ 110.14 Contributions to and expenditures by delegates and delegate committees.**

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(f) \* \* \*

(2) \* \* \*

(i) Such expenditures are independent expenditures under 11 CFR part 109 if they are made for a communication expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified Federal candidate that is not a coordinated general public political communication under 11 CFR 100.23.

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(ii) Such expenditures are independent expenditures under 11 CFR part 109 if they are made for a communication expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified Federal candidate that is not a coordinated general public political communication under 11 CFR 100.23.

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(3) \* \* \*

(iii) Such expenditures are not chargeable to the presidential candidate's expenditure limitation under 11 CFR 110.8 unless they were coordinated general public political communications under 11 CFR 100.23.

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